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In re Application of)
John C. Reed)
Serial No: 09/350,518)
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For: A METHOD FOR DETERMINING)
THE PROGNOSIS OF CANCER)
PATIENTS BY MEASURING)
LEVELS OF BAG EXPRESSION)

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Responsive to the Office Action mailed January 10, 2002, entry of the following amendments and remarks is respectfully requested.

AMENDMENTS

Please cancel claims 9, 10 and 15 without prejudice.

Please amend the claims as follows:

6. (Twice amended) The method of claim 16, wherein said level of BAG-1 expression is determined by measuring the amount of the BAG-1 mRNA transcript or BAG-1 protein.